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Market street.

The indications for twenty-four hours, com-
mencing at 3 p. m. to-day, for Missouri are:
Fair-weather, preceded by rain in the south-
east portion; winds becoming variable;
slightly warmer.

A few dollars spent on street-cleaning
would save a few dollars in the sprinkling
appropriation.

It is hoped that our anti-sprinkling
morning contemporaries are not mad be-
cause a little rain has fallen.

GEN. BUCKNER'S plurality in Kentucky
is 17,019; but the Governor of Missouri
grazed a defeat even closer than that, and
still came out with colors more or less fly-
ing.

PRINCE FERDINAND, who is now in Bul-
garia, should take out his naturalization
papers as soon as possible. If he fails to
do this, his beloved subjects may fear that
he has not come to stay.

The political temper of the times makes
it probable that there are several doubt-
ful States whose doubtfulness has not yet
been made manifest. Next year may be
memorable for its surprises.

BUFFALO BILL is going to have a typical
American frontier bar attached to his
Wild West show. This new feature of the
show ought to stir the enthusiasm of the
English to the highest pitch.

A CONTEMPORARY says that RIDDLE-
BERGER probably feels more at home in
jail than in the Senate Chamber, but there
is no overhauling reason why he should
not feel at home in both places.

NEAL DOW says that the Prohibitionists
must prepare the way for their great re-
form by destroying the Republican party.
It has not been ascertained how much
the Democrats paid Mr. Dow to make this
statement.

The street-cleaning issue is hardly less
important than the street-sprinkling ques-
tion. On many residence streets built up
from block to block the spring crop of
grass and weeds is now ripe for the hoe
of the street-cleaner.

The Boston Herald is anxious for MA-
HONEY to regain his lost ascendancy in Vir-
ginia. The mugwump is an eccentric
animal, especially the Boston species.
Perhaps the Herald likes MAHONEY on ac-
count of his right civil-servant reform
principles.

The Republican State Convention of
Pennsylvania met to-day at Harrisburg,
but no remarks were made about the
"white slaves" of the anthracite coal re-
gion. It is safe to say, however, that the
convention will not adjourn without pass-
ing a vigorous resolution in the interest
of the rich protected class.

SINCE the Republican party has a
United States ex-Senator who just missed
the Penitentiary by the skin of his teeth,
it is possible that RIDDLEBERGER simply
wished to break the record by actually
getting behind prison bars. But Senator
STANFORD may soon have a chance to
eclipse the whole gang in this sort of emu-
lation.

The promptness with which Father
CURRAN has obeyed orders in cutting loose
from MCGLENN shows where the Catho-
lics, priests and people, will be found in
any question on which the Church pro-
nounces officially. It is safe to say that
by next Easter the Anti-Poverty Army of
HENRY GEORGE will not muster a single
Catholic in its ranks.

WHILE Senator STANFORD thinks that
the Pacific Railroad Commission has been
"ungratefully" in asking questions,
the convicted hoodlums of Chicago think
that the people who effected their con-
viction failed to observe the usual re-
quirements of civility and good breeding
in performing the job. Our law-breakers
are getting to be a very fastidious set.

The decadence of reactionism is mani-
fest in the lessened vehemence of partisan
lying about the negro vote. For instance,
it has been the habit of some papers to
insist that every Southern negro who

voted the Democratic ticket did so at the
muzzle of a shotgun; but now some of
these papers admit that some negroes are
Democrats by untrammeled choice. Last
year the Globe-Democrat made the em-
phatic statement that a negro had no
right to vote the Democratic ticket; and
the same paper makes a substantial re-
traction of the statement in an editorial,
published to-day, entitled "The Negro in
Politics." Verily, the times change and
we change with them.

THE MILK IN THE COCONUT.

NEAL DOW and ST. JOHN are both pre-
paring for active campaign work in the
interest of Prohibition, and a Republican
paper, in noting the fact, says that Dow
belongs to the class who "are in the move-
ment because they sincerely believe it will
assist in bringing about the moral or
material advancement of their fellow be-
ings;" and that ST. JOHN belongs to the
class who "are in it for the money, re-
putation, or social position—but prin-
cipally the money—that it will bring him."

Now why this mighty difference betwixt
twelve-dum and twelve-deef? NEAL
DOW and ST. JOHN are both laboring in
the same way for the same thing; and
there is no more reason for accusing one
of mercenary motives than the other.
After the Presidential election of 1884,
some Republicans, in the blind agony of
rage and disappointment, declared that
ST. JOHN had been bought up by the Dem-
ocrats, but no proof was ever adduced to
sustain the charge. There is no good re-
ason for believing that he is better or
worse than the average reformer of the
determined and energetic sort. NEAL
DOW is now 84 years old, and of course
there remains to him but a short season of
work; while ST. JOHN is in his mental
and physical prime, with a good oppor-
tunity before him to do a great deal for
his party, and to work a corresponding
injury to the Republican organization.

There is this difference between the cases
of the two men; and herein lies the milk
in the coconut, when Republicans begin
to exhort NEAL DOW and to denounce ST.
JOHN.

ROME was not built in a day, and it is
not to be expected that a complete system
of street-sprinkling for a city as large as
St. Louis can be launched in full perfec-
tion and complete working order at the
very start. It is like the starting of new
machinery. No matter how admirable it
may be, there will be friction when it first
begins to run; but in a little while the
working will be smooth and satisfactory.

There is no reasonable ground for doubt-
ing the entire success of the newly man-
aged plan of sprinkling the streets of
the city. There has been an urgent need
of some plan of settling the dust on the
street that should be better than the
old one and more uniform in its
operation. Only a small proportion
of the population of the city can spend
the hot months in pleasant quarters out-
side of the city limits. The great mass
of the people must pass the summer at home,
and to them the sprinkling question is one
of the utmost importance. The pro-
vision for better street-sprinkling is a
reasonable response to a just popular de-
mand for relief from a serious and grow-
ing evil. The initial defects of the new
system should be pointed out at once by
those chiefly interested in its success, in
order that satisfactory results may be ob-
tained as soon as possible. But there is
no danger of failure. The sprinkling con-
tracts have been let to responsible parties
and they will be faithfully carried out.

WHILE the Massachusetts Republicans
declare that they are the only true Pro-
hibitionists, the Pennsylvania Republi-
cans are shouting for free whisky; and
while an immense number of Texas
Democrats are clamoring for Prohibition,
the Democratic State Convention of Vir-
ginia swells the free whisky slogan.
Under the circumstances, it is a pretty
gorgeous exhibition of "cheese" for
either of the old parties to claim a mo-
nopoly of the temperance idea.

Not only the stars in their courses,
but the Scottish gales, are fighting the bat-
tles of the English Liberals. So many
aristocratic Tories are now shooting down
in Scotland that their allies who still at-
tend the sessions of the Commons are
much embarrassed on account of their
scant array. Shooting games is now a
much pleasanter exercise than fighting
Home Rule.

What He Could Have Done.
From the New York World.
Differently to strengthen his party with the
people and himself with the critics.
It is a fair question and deserves a straight
answer.
The President could have avoided much
of the pressure for places from members of
his own party and have better satisfied the civ-
il service reformers by announcing at the start
that the public service was to be depurated
as a matter of justice and of right. All
offices related to the policy of the Adminis-
tration should be filled with men in sympathy
therewith. The non-political officers, consti-
tuting by far the larger number, should be
retained by competent and fit men without re-
gard to politics. But inasmuch as all these
were in possession of the Republicans, half
of them should have been promptly changed to
secure an impartial reform base upon which
to conduct the service in the future.

In making appointments to important offices
the President could have consulted the wishes
of his party by selecting prominent and rep-
resentative Democrats, instead of taking so-
litudes or useless allies to gratify his
own impulses or the partialities of his Cabinet
officers.
The President could have instantly removed
a few conspicuous violators of his very prop-
er order against the activity of office-holders in
politics. By permitting it to become a dead-
letter he has invited doubt as to whether any

sincerity or his courage in correcting an evil
which Democrats have been denouncing for
the past dozen years.
More and better than all, the President could
have spoken the earnest and frequent word
that has been conspicuously lacking, in sym-
pathy with the growing opposition of the peo-
ple to the place-holding policy, to the growing
sympathy of combined capital in business en-
terprises, to the interference of corporations
in the affairs of Government, and to the rings
that have long reigned in this plunder.

It is a word, Mr. Cleveland could have been
an active, aggressive and consistent reform
President and the responsive representative of
a triumphant party instead of what he has
been.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

From the New York Tribune.
No wonder the latest Panama Canal issue was
a failure. No more damning influence could
have been used against it than the report of
the state of the enterprise which was intended
to promote its success. This report appeared
in an extra number of the "Panama Canal"
intercolumnial, and was prepared by M. de
Lesseps himself. Its direct statements and the
unavoidable deductions to be drawn from
them present a record of recklessness and in-
sincerity scarcely to be paralleled. The losses
of the company in 1885, 1886 and 1887, netted
\$9,486,862. This was the amount actually re-
ceived. But as these losses were made at a
heavy discount, the indebtedness of the
company on them comes to \$125,940,000.
The losses on the Panama Canal, therefore,
by this report, the loans received
amounted to \$135,426,862. Out of these
enormous sums only about \$25,000,000
has been expended for actual canal-digging, and
some \$30,000,000 for plant and stores. There re-
mains, then, the sum of \$80,000,000 and more
to be accounted for. It went for "financing,"
for interest and sinking fund, some of it for
the purchase of the Panama Canal zone, and
for "expenses" more than \$80,000,000, and for "of-
fice expenses" in Paris not less than \$2,000,000
a year. And now M. de Lesseps, after all this
prodigal expenditure, for the first time ad-
mits that there has been a loss. The monstrous
bookkeeping of the Panama Canal has pierced
terrible obstacles which no human effort can
give assurance against. After this, the next
issue of the "Bulletin" will be awaited with
interest. The English lady artists, and
collages of the whole undertaking, it could
have no better introduction than the report
M. de Lesseps has just made.

The Massachusetts Situation.

From the Evening Post.
A signal of distress is hoisted by the Repub-
lican party of Massachusetts in the pathetic
appeal, signed by Senators Dawes and Hoar
and a long list of other gentlemen, and ad-
dressed to the President, imploring them not
to be so foolish as to vote for the third
party, when the Republican party,
with its "splendid national history,"
etc., is ready to promise them anything—
learned to tell a crocodile as soon as it sees one
is further remarked that the tiger is gener-
ally at large in Mm. Bernhardt's drawing-
room.

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purpose of presenting a statue of Lafayette to
the city of Paris is authority for the statement
that "Mr. Andrew Carnegie intends to buy an
estate in Scotland, and it is possible that he
may become the purchaser of Aboyne Castle,
Lord Huntley's family place in Aberdeenshire,
which is for sale with the home portion of the
property. I understand that \$115,000 is the
price asked for this lot of the Aboyne estate."

GEN. FISK of New Jersey and ex-Gov. St.
John of Kansas are the leading candidates
for the Prohibition nomination for President
in 1888. Neal Dow of Maine who, in spite of
his 84 years, is one of the most active workers
in the Prohibition party, thinks that if the
convention were held to-day Gen. Fisk would
be the choice. He says, however, that his
party is perfectly satisfied with St. John and
thoroughly proud of the vote he received in
1884.

WOMEN OF THE WORLD.

Grady Fiske maidens residing in Bodie, Cal.,
improve their time by using the trees of dis-
carded saddles.

The best paid woman journalist in the world
is Mrs. Crawford, the well-known Paris corre-
spondent. She earns \$10,000 a year.

One fair-weather at a watering place pre-
sents the feat of eating bon-bons in the surf.
She carries the sweets in a water-tight silver
casket at her waist.

This Russian World learns that the ladies
who went down to Windsor to present Her
Majesty with \$20,000 were somewhat surprised
at having to pay for their tea.

MISS CLARA BARTON, President of the Ameri-
can National Association of the Red Cross,
has been appointed by President Cleveland a
delegate to the Carlsruhe Conference.

MISS OLIVIA COBB of Athens, Ga., is pro-
nounced the belle of the South. She has re-
ceived and declined over thirty offers of mar-
riage. Miss Cobb is just out of her teens.

MARIE FORBES has been sentenced thirty
days imprisonment in the Adams House,
House of Correction for plucking a few flow-
ers from the grounds of L. L. Brown of this
city.

MISS MARGARET GILLIES, who died in Eng-
land recently at the age of 84, was one of the
pioneers of the English lady artists. Her
touch in portrait painting was practically un-
surpassed.

MISS KARRIE GODDALL of Philadelphia, an
amateur singer of considerable note, is one
of the few song-birds at Atlantic City who
can be persuaded to bathe in the surf. Miss
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WHERE GOOD COFFEE GROWS.

Some Varieties Cost 70 Cents a Pound on the Plantations.

From the New York Times.

At the Coffee Exchange yesterday several well-known speculators were discussing the new boom in that market, when the subject of the Mexican product came up. Said one broker: "Probably the best coffee in the world is raised about Jalapa, but it never reaches the markets of the United States, for the reason that it is bought up seasons in advance by resident English buyers for the English market."

The resident German buyers contract for three or four years in advance for the crops raised in the States of Vera Cruz, Oaxaca, Colima, Michoacan and Guerrero. The little State of Colima has probably exported more rich coffee beans than all the other Mexican States put together and at the astounding price of 70 cents a pound. A friend of mine went down to try to secure some of this delicious product even at the price mentioned, but he found himself forestalled by the English, French and German resident buyers, who were waiting for the receipt of the letter and spirit of their contracts with the Mexican planters are carried out even to the extent of a single pound of the bean.

"Jalapa is connected with Vera Cruz by a railroad and the coffee from this country he describes as Eden. The coffee plantations are interesting and always slope toward the sea. The coffee trees are one year old they are transplanted into squares ten feet apart, with banana plants in between, so as to protect the coffee shrubs from the fierce rays of the sun. At this age they are about two feet high, and they are never permitted to attain the growth of over six feet. The plant bears from the age of three years, and once blighted, continues to yield up to fifteen years, when it is usually replaced and supplanted by one-year-old sprigs.

"The leaf is olive-green in color, the blossom white and the berry like a pea-green. Each berry contains two beans, when ripe for picking turn carmine. The average yield of the six-year-old coffee shrubs are 40 cents, and a plant between twelve and fifteen years of age yields from \$1 to \$1.25 worth of beans yearly. Coffee is picked much as cotton or hops, and the peons earn about 25 cents per hundred during the season. Upon the coffee plantations bananas and castor-oil berries raised between the coffee to baffle it are sold at absurdly low prices. The value of the coffee exported from Vera Cruz was \$1,900,000; Colima, \$340,000; Chiapas, \$86,000; Guerrero, \$15,000; Michoacan, \$183,000; Mexico, \$83,000; Oaxaca, \$88,000. No wonder that in New York what really good coffee is sold at 70 cents a pound. The plantation would cost a pretty penny here, even if it could get it."

A Very Odd Young Lady.

Philadelphia Press, Cape May Letter.

There was something of a sensation on the beach to-day, caused by a girl. The girl, though only a child, was crowded. There were more people here to-day than on any since the opening of the season, and consequently the beach was very large. But the young lady who was responsible for the sensation got all the room she wanted. Somebody sprang to her aid, and she was carried down the beach. The crowd of a very wide path was made for her. She had been here about three days, and her apparent reason was to be met by people who had made her conspicuous around the hotel. She is a beauty, not tall and dark, with a superb figure. The reason everybody looked at her was on account of her dress and surroundings. It wasn't particularly loud, although it was designed to attract attention to the best advantage. Her perfect rounded arms were bare to the shoulder, where they were white "winged" and looked like the material of the dress was the usual shade of dark blue, but more expensive than the usual material. The dress had done justice to any lady queen. But with all this there was an air of refinement about her that was captivating. The dress was followed by a neat little French maid who carried a large, light-blue robe, very much in the style of an Afghan. It was this that made people stare. When the young lady emerged from the water she walked up the beach. Her coming had been expected, and the maid had spread the robe and upon it the young lady "laid her down to rest." Then the robe was wrapped around her and she lay fair form. She remained in this position for fully half an hour and caused great food for the gossips. It might be all right, but Cape May is not so lax as that standard. Maybe she only does it on days.

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